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STUCK TO POST.**Rudder Fish Followed Sch. Ingomar Way Up on Railways.****Mackerel Found Wedged Between Rudder Post and Port.**

A curious sight was witnessed Wednesday at high water, when sch. Ingomar was towed across the harbor from Cunningham & Thompson's wharf to the Rocky Neck railways, four rudder fish following all the way across, hugging close to the rudder, even chasing the vessel up on the railways and not leaving her until the rudder came out of the water, when they quickly disappeared.

Rudder fish are known to follow vessels on the high seas for weeks and months and whole trips, staying right close to the rudder, but as far as can be learned it is a very rare thing to see or hear of them coming up to the wharf with a vessel and sticking to their post until the rudder actually hauled out of water.

These four fish must have come in with sch. Ingomar, when she came down from Boston Tuesday afternoon, and must have stayed by the rudder all night, while the vessel was lying at the wharf, as well as during the next forenoon.

During the time of the big strike of mackerel on the Cape Shore in June, sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, caught a big mackerel in a most unprecedented manner. The vessel must have sailed right through a school, for when she arrived home and hauled out on the ways, there was a big mackerel caught firmly wedged in between the rudder post and port, caught in so tight that it could not be pulled out by hand and had to be cut in pieces to get it out. Just how the fish got caught here is a mystery and the crew seemed unable to account for it.

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NOVA SCOTIA MACKEREL CATCH.**Fishermen Found It Difficult To Secure Sufficient Barrels and Salt.**

United States Consul General Wilbur at Halifax, in a report to the government, the time of the big strike of mackerel on the Cape Shore, said:

"So prolonged has been the catch so far this season that it puzzles the fishermen to handle it. The supply of barrels being low, fishermen are preparing to pack the mackerel in puncheons, boxes, old boats, or anything else they can find. Other than the shortage of barrels, the only drawback is the supply of salt which is running low in many of the ports along the coast. Rush orders are being sent for a sufficient supply.

"Old fishermen state that never before in their recollection have the mackerel been so numerous as they are at the present time along this coast, and with the fine weather they are reaping a great harvest.

"The mackerel catch of Guysboro, Nova Scotia, this season has been the largest in the last twenty years. Here it is not uncommon for one man to catch from 1200 to 1800 mackerel in his nets, sometimes making as high as \$200 a day.

"The mackerel are first rough dressed on the vessel from which they are caught, then sold and landed and put through another process of dressing, being more carefully prepared and put down in salt brine in barrels of 200 pounds each, containing from 120 to 300 mackerel each, according to the size.

Sch. Speculator was at Provincetown yesterday for harbor.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. John O'Brien, was at Boston yesterday with 4000 fresh mackerel, mostly large, selling at 20 cents each for large and 10 cents each for mediums.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins was in here yesterday afternoon with 1500 large fresh mackerel.

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Good Market for Horse Mackerel.

The trap men in the provinces have found a good market at Boston for the hitherto useless horse mackerel taken in their traps Wednesday, eight big ones, averaging over 400 pounds each, came on the Yarmouth steamer, and yesterday morning four more were received from the same source. One of the fish received yesterday weighed considerably over 500 pounds. The fish are sold at a price nearly equal to that paid for swordfish, and are shipped to New York and other centers where the Italian population is numerous.

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THINK WELL OF IT.**Haddockers May Soon Carry Wireless Telegraphy Outfit.****Sch. Vanessa of Boston Expected To Be the Pioneer.**

Wireless telegraphy on fishing vessels is the latest idea of fishing masters and owners, who hope by it to remove some of the many dangers to which the fishermen are exposed while out on the banks.

Capt. Val O'Neill of the Boston sch. Vanessa is one of those who have been impressed with the possibilities of the wireless, and it is said he will try it on his schooner when she returns from the trip on which she started yesterday.

One of the features that makes the captains look with favor upon the idea of wireless telegraphy on board is that a simple arrangement can be carried on the dories in foggy weather, by which they can signal the schooners, and be located when they lose their bearings.

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HARD TO BEAT.**Sch. Mary E. Cooney Stocks \$3360 on Two Shore Trips.****Crew Shared \$115 for Little Over Two Weeks Work.**

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, stocked \$1700 as the result of her recent fresh fish fare landed part at Boston and part here, the crew sharing \$60.

On her trip before this one, the Cooney stocked \$1660, the crew sharing \$55, thus making a stock of \$3360, and a share of \$115 in two days over two weeks. When it comes to market fishing, they all have to reckon with Capt. Frank Cooney.

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WE HAVE A RIVAL.**Lunenburg Looking for Honors as Banner Fish Town.**

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, is claiming to be a rival of Gloucester, as the port handling the most fish in North America. During the week ending June 6 reports are available for 19 vessels of the Lunenburg fishing fleet, which shows that these vessels caught 15,150 quintals, of 112 pounds each of fish, which were worth at that time \$6.50 a quintal, representing a harvest of \$98,457, an average for the week for each vessel engaged of about 800 quintals, or \$6000.

At Riverport, Nova Scotia, the catch is also far above the average. Reports from 14 schooners fishing off the banks show that they have caught 13,300 quintals of 112 pounds each, valued at \$56,650, an average of over \$4000 for each vessel.

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NATURE'S LITTLE SHIP.**A Curious Jellyfish Endowed With a Movable Sail.**

While man makes the largest ocean vessels, nature makes the smallest. This is a species of jellyfish, found only in tropical seas, which has a sail.

The part of the fish under the water looks like a mass of tangled threads, while the sail is a tough membrane, shaped like a shell and measuring quite five inches and sometimes more across. The fish can raise or lower this sail at will.

Wise sailors let this curiosity of nature alone, for each of the threads composing its body has the power of stinging, the results of which are very painful and often dangerous. This power defends it from porpoises, albatrosses and other natural enemies.

It has no other means of locomotion than its sail, and when seen skimming bravely along the surface of the water it looks more like a child's toy boat than a living creature out in search of food.—London Saturday Review.

Money in Dogfish.

We hope the fishermen will derive some satisfaction from the campaign the state authorities have opened against the dogfish. The dogfish is one of the raiders of the deep. That's a fact. He is getting more numerous, which is another bad fact. Britons who have chased the dogfish before now tell us that it multiplies more rapidly than the Jgorrotes. "As many as 20,000 have been caught at a time, and their consequent destructiveness can readily be imagined. The young are born alive, two at a time, and but in very rapid succession for prolonged periods. The flesh, though coarse, is sometimes eaten; and the eggs are said to be appreciated. The liver yields oil."

"The livers yield oil." Presumably the dogfish that is plaguing the Massachusetts fisherman is livered like the dogfish across the sea. Why doesn't the Massachusetts fisherman make it worth his while to go after dogfish liver oil?

Where the dogfish began to worry the fishermen along the Pacific coast, the worried promptly turned to their nature books and found that dogfish liver oil was rather valuable. Since then the dogfish has contributed his share to the profits of the Pacific fisheries.

The Massachusetts authorities might make a recommendation on this point before they go any farther and tell the fishermen to get busy. They can make money and the state save it.—Boston Journal.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Dixie, via Boston, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Rips, 1500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Patriot, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Almeida, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Teazer, Georges, halibuting, 18,000 lbs. halibut, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, via Boston, 15 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Eglantine, seining.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Rips, 2 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.

Sch. Henrietta G. Morton, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.

Sloop Azorean, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.

Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.10

Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.20, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Grand Bank fresh cod, \$2.00 per cwt. for large, \$1.60 for mediums.

Bank halibut 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh mackerel, 15 cts. each for large and 8 cents for mediums.

Late caught salt mackerel, \$14.50 per bbl.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; cusk, \$1.65; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, to 80 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Lear C., 26 swordfish.

Sch. Tecumseh, 33 swordfish.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 2000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 41 swordfish.

Sch. Dorcas, 31 swordfish.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan 26 swordfish.

Haddock \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 market cod, \$2.50; swordfish, 9 cts. per lb.

Aug. 1.

FORTY VESSELS WRECKED.

St. Johns, Aug. 1.—Reports from Labrador indicate that at least forty fishing vessels were wrecked in the northeaster which swept that coast early this week. All but three men of the crews reached shore, but fully 400 of these were without food or shelter for several days and their sufferings were severe. Cruiser Fiona, with St. William MacGregor on board, is now known to have weathered the northeaster safely.

Aug. 1.

Good Shark Trip.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey arrived here yesterday from Brown's bank with a good fare, 160,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Aug. 1. ODD USES FOR FISH.

One Makes a Good Barometer, Another a Weathercock.

Fishes have been put to many queer uses while still alive, but probably the strangest was that suggested to the war department by an inventor. The propulsion of submarine torpedoes was the subject under discussion, and he proposed that a shark be imprisoned in a tube at the rear end of the projectile, its movements to be controlled by the active application of electricity. In case the shark attempted to swim away it was to be given an electric shock and in this way kept on its course until the torpedo had reached its target.

Another remarkable use to which a fish has been put is as a barometer. The leach is very susceptible to atmospheric changes, and when retained in an aquarium is likely to throw itself out at the approach of or during any remarkable change of wind or weather, or if in a pond or stream will sometimes jump on the bank. It has been kept alive in aquaria as a living barometer from the supposition that certain movements indicate particular changes that are about to occur in the weather. In Russia the dead body of Cottus gobio, the miller's thumb, is used as a weathercock. Hung by a single thread, it will point to the direction whence the wind blows.—Minneapolis Journal.

Aug. 1. DULL AT PRESENT.

Outlook for Mackerel Fleet Not Very Encouraging.

Some of the Seiners May Soon Fit for North Bay.

The skippers of the mackerel seiners in port recently say that the schools of mackerel between the Rose and Crown shoal and South Shoal lightship appear to be playing out and grow less every day. The outlook at present is really dull, with what fish there are on the Rips hard to catch and getting scarcer, none reported on Georges, in the Bay of Fundy or on the Maine coast, or anywhere else, for that matter.

It is to be hoped that some of the fleet will soon locate the schools somewhere, if not it is probable that quite a fleet will fit for the North bay.

Schs. Natalie J. Nelson and Speculator landed small fares of fresh mackerel at Provincetown on Thursday.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan arrived at Boston yesterday with no fish.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 15,588 barrels against 18,808 barrels at this time last year.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date is 8879 barrels against 2826 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 44,705 barrels against 44,383 barrels at this time last year.

Imports of fresh mackerel to date at Boston are 5202 barrels against 4953 barrels at this time last year.

J. L. Stanley & Co. of Southwest Harbor, Maine, wired yesterday in answer to an inquiry that they heard of no mackerel reported in the Bay of Fundy. Parker Aiken of Yarmouth, N. S., also wired to the same effect.

The Yarmouth steamer yesterday brought 78 barrels of fresh mackerel to Boston.

Aug. 1. Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Teaser sold to the New England Fish Co. at 6 1-2 cents per pound for white and 4 1-2 gray.

Aug. 1. BIG FARE.

Sch. Jubilee Holds the Lead of the Rips Fleet.

Sch. Jubilee, Capt. Oscar Lyons, arrived yesterday afternoon from a Rips trip, with a fine fare, 54,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Lyons, as usual, has been doing big work this season, and is high line of the Rips fleet.

Aug. 1. DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Olga, Le Have Bank, 9000 lbs. halibut, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish, 7000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Agnes, Le Have Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish, 4000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mystery, Le Have Bank, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish, 35,000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Grace Otis, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Pinta, Rips, 1000 fresh mackerel.

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Boston.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 10,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 7000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Marguerite, 13 swordfish.

Haddock, \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1.75; swordfish, 10 cts. per lb.

Aug. 3. NOW DOING POORLY.

Dory Handliners Lay Ill-Success to Beam Trawlers.

Capt. McCoish of Sch. Richard Brings Report from Quero.

Sch. Richard, Capt. Donald McCoish, arrived from a shack trip to Quero, yesterday, having been four weeks gone, with a good fare, 110,000 pounds of fresh cod and 12,000 pounds of salt fish.

Capt. McCoish reports seeing about all the dory handline fleet about two weeks ago. They were strung out over the bank, mostly on the western part. He was on board sch. Tattler, and Capt. Geel reported having 240,000 pounds of salt cod. He was also on board sch. Arethusa, which had just come on the ground with her bait.

Capt. Geel reported to Capt. McCoish that at one time all the dory handliners had struck pretty good fishing, but that at present all of them were doing poorly. He reported sch. Mildred Robinson as doing well when she first came on the bank.

Both Capt. McCoish and Geel complain of the work of the steam trawlers and claim that they are surely cleaning up the shoal water spots. They say that these trawlers lay around and watch where a handliner is getting some fish and then deliberately drag over the spot, among the dories. The skippers lay the present falling off from the previous good fishing to the work of these steam trawlers.

Capt. McCoish reports that on July 6, about 20 miles east of Portland, a carrier pigeon, exhausted, flew on board. On its leg was this message, "4.40. Good weather. Birdie." Capt. McCoish fed and cared for the bird and next day it flew off as sprightly as ever.

Capt. McCoish also reports speaking schs. Dora A. Lawson, Raymah, Mooanam and the Lunenburg sch. Gladys B. Smith, all on Quero. There was squid on the bank and indications that they would soon be plenty.

Aug. 3. Good Stock.

Sch. Jubilee, Capt. Oscar Lyons, stocked \$1730 as the result of her recent Rips trip.

Aug. 3. Big Catch of Fish.

Perhaps the biggest catch of fish to be taken in one day was captured one day last week by the French trawler Surcouf, Capt. Petit Colas, which arrived here Monday for bunker coal. The trawler met with an accident two weeks ago on the Banks which necessitated her going to St. Pierre for repairs which delayed her ten days, when she proceeded to Quero Bank. After eight hours of fishing the Surcouf weighed anchor for this port, her success during the eight hours amounting to seven thousand fish.—North Sydney Herald.

Aug. 3. COLLIDED ON GEORGES.

Two of Swordfishing Fleet Came Together Recently.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan Hit Bow of Sch. Moses B. Linscott.

News of a collision between schs. Sadie M. Nunan and Moses B. Linscott on Georges was brought to Boston yesterday by sch. Angie V. Watson.

Both schooners were out after swordfish and for a few moments it looked as though both might go down. It was owing solely to the moderation of the wind that the accident was not a disaster.

According to the crew of the Watson, which was fishing in the immediate vicinity, both vessels were laying to and the Nunan on the starboard tack had the right of way. The Linscott, according to the crew of the Watson, was on the port tack.

The schooners came together with a crash, the Nunan ramming the Linscott on the starboard bow, carrying off a portion of the rail and tearing the jumbo. The Nunan is said to have escaped injury.

Aug. 3. DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Hattie M. Graham, Rips, 7 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Georgie Campbell, salt banking, 200,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Norman Fisher, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Sheffeyld, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, Rips, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Richard, Quero Bank, 110,000 lbs. fresh cod, 12,000 lbs. salt cod 1800 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 50 bbls. bluebacks.

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Boston.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 500 fresh mackerel, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.

Steamer Spray 26,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, 25 swordfish.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 50,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 3 swordfish.

Sch. Morning Star, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 25,000 hake.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 4500 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 4000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 7000 haddock, 40,000 cod.